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PATENT APPLICATION

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For: OPTICAL CRITICAL DIMENSION METROLOGY

SYSTEM INTEGRATED INTO SEMICONDUCTOR

WAFER PROCESS TOOL

Preliminary Amendment

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to a first Office action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the specification:

On page 1, after the title of the application and before the subheading "TECHNICAL FIELD", please insert - -

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) from prior U.S. provisional application no. 60/224,571, filed August 11, 2000. - -